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IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 20-36.

Amend claim 37 to read as follows:

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37. (Amended) A method for protecting the paint finish of a vehicle or for protecting a painted vehicle component against soiling and damage during assembly, transportation or storage, said method comprising applying to said vehicle or vehicle component a self-adhesive protective film, said self-adhesive protective film comprising:

- a) a backing film; and
- b) an adhesive composition coated on said backing film, wherein the adhesive composition comprises a copolymer of at least two different  $\alpha$ -olefins having 2 to 12 carbon atoms and at least one further comonomer, said further comonomer being a diene, said adhesive composition not containing 75 mol-% or more of any single  $\alpha$ -olefin, and the copolymer having a Mooney viscosity ML (1+4) 125°C of less than 50.

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Please add the following new claims:

40. The method according to claim 37, wherein the diene is present in the adhesive composition in a proportion of between 0.5 and 10% by weight based on the total weight of the adhesive composition.
41. The method according to claim 37, wherein the self-adhesive protective film exhibits a UV permeability in the range from 290 to 360 nm of less than 1%.
42. The method according to claim 37, wherein the copolymer has a Mooney viscosity ML (1+4) 125 °C of less than 30.
43. The method according to claim 37, wherein the adhesive composition is cross-linked.
44. The method according to claim 37, wherein the copolymer comprises polar comonomers, and the proportion of said polar comonomers in the copolymer is less than 20 mol%.
45. The method according to claim 37, wherein the self-adhesive protective film comprises at least one light stabilizer.

- Claim 46*
46. The method according to claim 45, wherein said at least one light stabilizer is selected from the HALS class of light stabilizers.
- Claim 47*
47. The method according to claim 37, wherein the copolymer comprises no more than 65 mol-% of any single  $\alpha$ -olefin.
- Claim 48*
48. The method according to claim 37, wherein the self-adhesive protective film exhibits a bond strength on steel between 0.3 and 1.5 N/cm.
- Claim 49*
49. The method according to claim 37, wherein the proportion of each  $\alpha$ -olefin in the copolymer is between 5 and 60 mol-%.
- Claim 50*
50. The method according to claim 37, wherein the self-adhesive protective film exhibits a UV permeability in the range from 290 to 400 nm of below 0.1% and the backing thereof comprises one or more light stabilizers in an amount of at least 0.15% by weight.
- Claim 51*
51. The method according to claim 37, wherein the self-adhesive protective film comprises an adhesion promoter between the backing film and the adhesive composition.
- Claim 52*
52. The method according to claim 51, wherein the adhesion promoter